

## THE ANNUAL AMBROSE PATTULLO FUND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR LITERARY WORK

The Departments of Fisheries and Wildlife (FW) and Community Sustainability (CSUS) at Michigan State University (MSU) are pleased to announce the annual competition for the Ambrose Pattullo Fund for Environmental Issues Graduate Fellowship in Literary Work.

The purpose of this award is to recognize students who are interested in current environmental issues and who have written about these issues for possible publication in a literary outlet. **ONE \$3,500 award** will be issued each year provided a suitable candidate can be identified. Fellowship recipients will be required to acknowledge acceptance of the award and terms of the award to the Ambrose Pattullo Fund for Environmental Issues Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee prior to release of fellowship money. **Funds for this award will be distributed during the spring semester once acknowledgments are received.** Recipients must acknowledge funding support from the Ambrose Pattullo Fund for Environmental Issues at Michigan State University when and where appropriate (e.g., presentations, publications). As part of the fellowship, fellowship recipients are required to put forward their fellowship submission to Spotlight Magazine for possible publication. Spotlight Magazine is a graduate student-produced magazine published by FW. This fellowship is open to all in accordance with MSU's [Anti-Discriminatory Policy](#).

Criteria for the award are:

- Applicant must be a graduate student in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife or the Department of Community Sustainability at Michigan State University pursuing a Master's or Ph.D. degree.
- Applicants must submit **a manuscript in literary form, fiction or non-fiction, whose focus is to raise public awareness of a current environmental issue**. Manuscripts should aim to be no longer than 1,500 words but all lengths submitted will be considered. Applicants are limited to one submission total.
- Submissions should draw attention to an environmental issue and be written as a literary piece. Examples (not an all-inclusive list) of possible formats include stories that spell out environmental policy issues, stories that translate environmental issues in a way that engages the public, and nature essays. Poetry will not be accepted for this competition. Students are encouraged to demonstrate a first-person connection to the topic, incorporating personal experiences, values, or beliefs into the literary piece. Successful submissions will include pieces that are well structured, tell a compelling story, and demonstrate a grounding in facts.
- Applicants are required to submit their manuscript to the [ONLINE PATTULLO APPLICATION](#) together with a CV.
- Applicants must also solicit a confidential letter of support from their major advisor. This letter should include (1) an assessment of the student's performance toward degree completion or potential to complete their degree in a timely manner, (2) a summary of the student's financial need, and (3) a description of the student's interest in and commitment to environmental issues. Letters should be submitted to the [Pattullo Recommendation Form](#).
- If selected for publication, the student may be asked to edit their manuscript to meet word limit and/or editorial requirements of the Spotlight Magazine.

**DUE DATE FOR ALL MATERIALS: January 9, 2026**

**DIRECT LINK TO STUDENT APPLICATION:** [https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b00kkQlBe9IWA4K](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b00kkQlBe9IWA4K)

**DIRECT LINK TO ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION FORM:**  
[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0Pa0aF5UqCyKLyu](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Pa0aF5UqCyKLyu)

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